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THE DUERKSEN FAMILY HISTORY HILLSBORO, KS 67063-1799
-from 1750-

(This was written by John F. Duerksen, Corn, Oklahoma-1863-1932)

1. John Duerksen was born, lived and died in Prussia at Marienverder at Königsberg. He lived during the period of 1750 - 1840. He married three times.

Table I

Children of his first marriage:

2. John J. Duerksen; and his sister, Mrs. Wilhelm Janzen.

He lived and died at Marienverder at Königsberg, Prussia. Born approximately 1765 and died in 1855. During the French War in 1812, he lodged French soldiers in his home when the French army marched through the country. He was liberal toward them, and they, in turn, treated him in a friendly manner. They paid for what they took. He was a butter, cheese and sausage dealer. His children were:

3. John Duerksen, "Ol Ohm John", "Olmuller" and Henry Duerksen.

These two brothers lived in much unpleasantness. They were both very hot-tempered.

He (John) was married to Helena Boldt. I met a member of the Boldt family in California, I believe, near Reedley.

Table I
Children of his second marriage:

"Old" Cornelius Duerksen, named thus, because he became so very old. He was married twice.

(a) Children of his first marriage:

1. John Duerksen (shoe repair man)
2. Peter Duerksen (tailor)
3. Anna Duerksen, married to Martin Dickmann, Alexandertal.

Sara Duerksen, married to Peter Penner
1. Peter Penner, Alexanderkram*
2. Henry Penner
3. Jacob Penner
4. David Penner, Buhler, Kansas
5. Franz Penner, "Praegeman"**
6. Sara Penner, married to Henry Franz. Buhler, and Corn Okla.

4. Elizabeth Duerksen, married to Cornelius Duerksen. Cooper, Hooker, California.

5. Katherine Duerksen, married to John Regier, Klippenfeld, Russia to Henderson, Nebr.

6. Sara Duerksen, married to Dave Friesen

(b) Children of his second marriage (to a daughter of the Welken family):

1. Cornelius Duerksen
2. Jacob Duerksen
3. John Duerksen
4. David Duerksen
5. Gerhard Duerksen
6. Henry Duerksen

7. Anna Duerksen, married to Cornelius Dalke.

8. Helena Duerksen, married to Henry Friesen, Hillsboro, Kansas

All of these sons were feeble-minded!

Table I.

Children of the third marriage of great grandfather, John Duerksen:

Gerhard Duerksen, Alexandertal, Russia. He was a head elder in the Colony. His children were:

1. Abraham Duerksen, blacksmith, in Alexandertal, Russia
2. David Duerksen, schoolteacher and preacher
3. Gerhard Duerksen, village mayor-judge and Colony mayor-judge
4. Cornelius Duerksen
5. Jacob Duerksen 1860-1922
6. Anna Duerksen, married to Henry Funk. (He died in 3rd generation
of Frieder Funk)

Table II
(Fourth Generation)

Children of John Duerksen (Olmuller) are:

1. Henry Duerksen. Henry-Peter-Elizabeth-Maria
2. John Duerksen. He was a man who was blessed. He had a large family and great wealth. Hillsboro, Kansas. He died very suddenly.
3. Peter Duerksen. Elizabetthal, Russia. He was a miller and had two wheat flour mills.*
4. Cornelius Duerksen. Alexandertal. Rudnerweide,*(insert: on the side of the Dnieper River where flows the Don River) on the Don side. Kansas to California. Became old and died satisfied with life and ready for the end.
- 5. Jacob J. Duerksen. Married to Katherine Funk(widow of Isaac Harms). He, too, was a miller and later only a farmer 1840 to 1904. Hillsboro, Kansas.
6. Gerhard Duerksen. Hillsboro, Kansas, California, Fairview, Okla.
7. Elizabeth, married to a Kroeker (shoe repair man) very poor. Alexandertal.
8. Eva Duerksen, married to Peter Berg. Elizabetthal to Kansas.

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Jaf, Jofan F. Dütskpr, bin geboren
in Russland im Dorf Olganivitsch
am 25 Juli 1863 am Donnerstag.

Land davon weiden ist von Dr. Jakob
Janz, Ferdinand's Sohn, eingezogen. Das Mann
ist mir wichtig und ist buntrotha frisch
Gang. Er ist schon ein in Dänisch gewohnt
Zuerst wohnte er in Marum. Ich bin getauft
am 30 April 1879 in Plönwald, in der
Kirche. Meine Eltern sind Jakob
und Katharina (geborene Tunk). Jakob geboren
1840 am 2. Mai Katharina geboren 1844.
am 14 Juni. Kinder sind in Olganivitsch
geboren und groß geworden. Sie leben
meine Brüder waren Jofan und Julianus
(geboren 1861) Dütskpr. Kinder in
Königswusterhausen. Ich leben müßte
nicht sonst von Dorozie gebütt fertig. Sie
leben meine Mutter sie ist Peter Tunk
und Julianus (geboren Truski) Kinder in
Königswusterhausen. Der Dr. missus Großmutter
Jofan Truski soll im Dresdner gegen
Napoleon 1815 gekämpft sein, und meine
Großmutter war etwa 19 Jahre alt als
sie mit dem Krieg gegen Dinsen nicht fort.

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Family History

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(Written on a page of a small Bible. This page had been inserted
in large Family Bible.)

I, John F. Duerksen, was born in Russia in the village Alexandertal on July 25, 1863 on Thursday. In a short time, I was dedicated to the Lord by Br. Jacob Jantz, Friedensfeld. The man was interesting to me, and I observed him closely. He is already well founded in the service of his Lord, old and well experienced in the service of his Lord. I was baptized on April 30, 1879, in Klippenfeld in the Talmand. My parents are Jacob and Katherine (born, Funk). Jacob was born May 2, 1840. Katherine was born June 14, 1844. Both were born and reared in Alexandertal. The parents of my father were John and Helena (born Boldt) Duerksen. Both born in Prussia. Their parents must have lived near Danzig. The parents of my mother were Peter Funk and Julianna(born, Fenski). Both born in Prussia. My grandmother was about 19 years old when she left the Lutheran Church and jointed the Gnadenfeld Mennonite Church. My grandmother's brother died in the war against Napoleon in 1815. The parents of my wife were Abraham and Katherine(born Dück) Warkentin. (On the margin opposite this is this notation: Baptized 1884, July 19.)

Jacob J. buried in Hillsboro, Kansas
Abraham Warkentin buried in Becker, Kansas
{G. J. W. notes}